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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO THE DIRECTOR.

SUBJECT: Study of S.I.C. Security Organization and Procedure.

1. Since 10 July, 1946 - when comments on the proposed re-organization charts were requested of Branch Chiefs of former Central Planning Staff - it has appeared to the undersigned officer that the Security Function should be centered in one Staff element of the Executive Office and not as a more or less minor part of each of several Operating Offices.

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2. Accordingly, Colonel [REDACTED], Acting Chief, Security Branch, Office of Collection, was asked to make a thorough study of the intelligence functions pertaining to Security, as they apply to, or affect, the several elements in the Operating Offices.

3. The results of Colonel [REDACTED] study are attached hereto and favorable consideration of the recommendations contained therein is urged. The principal features of the recommended revision of the current tentative organization charts are:

a. Elimination of Security Branch, Office of Collection;

b. Establishment of a Security Branch as a part of the Executive Staff, such Branch to take over the various security functions now assigned to elements in several Offices and to establish and supervise the carrying out of overall security policies and procedures.

c. The establishment and supervision of overall policies and procedures would seem to be parts of the Executive rather than the Operating function. The combining of all Security planning and supervision in one Branch at the Executive level would seem to accomplish an appropriate centralization of effort and responsibility in a manner promising the most effective accomplishment of the S.I.C. Security Mission.

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